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Information

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1. On 14, 15 and 16 February 1953, tanks, artillery pieces and rocket launchers were entrained in Neuruppin.                      Soviet troops bivouacked in the woods of Nauen-Boernicke on 20 February, in the woods of Oranienburg-Bernau on 21 February, and in the woods north of Niemegk on 23 February.<sup>2</sup>

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2. After 3 a.m. on 17 February, 14 T-34 tanks                      about 53 trucks                      14 radio trucks, 10 trucks with field kitchens and towing 10 mortars or AT guns and not less than 500 soldiers left the barracks installation in Wurzen by road, proceeding in a easterly direction.<sup>3</sup>

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3. On 21 February, about 45 T-34s, T-34/85s and JS tanks were detrained at the Wittenberg railroad station. Tanks                      were identified.<sup>4</sup>

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4. On 26 February, 40 trucks                      an undetermined number of medium mortars and 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were detrained at the Luckenwalde freight station and subsequently marched toward Juetebog.<sup>5</sup>

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1.            Comment. Entrainments of units of the 9th Gds Tank Div upon field exercises in the area north of Neuruppin, which were previously reported

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2.            Comment. The troops that bivouacked in the woods of Nauen-Boernicke may have been units of the 1st Mecz Div which, following an alert, left Doeberitz in a westerly direction on 19 February.

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                     Units of the 25th Tank Div possibly conducted field exercises in the Oranienburg-Bernau area on 21 February. As however information so far obtained from Oranienburg indicated that the military post was apparently occupied to capacity until 19 February, no definite conclusions can be drawn.                      However, the units referred to may have also been components of the 6th Gds Mecz

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Div which, prior to their return to the military post upon completion of exercises northeast of Rathenow, practiced bivouacking. [redacted]

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[redacted] the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Bernau, to have still been only partially occupied on 21 February 1953. [redacted]

Niemegk village may be identical with the location Niemegk (N 53/E 49) west of Treuenbrietzen. It is not known whether the field exercises of the 14th Gds Mecz Div west of Jueterbog extended as far as this area but is considered possible.

3. [redacted] Comment. Once before, on 10 February, components of the 20th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div moved out for a one-day field exercise. It is possible that the units left for a field exercise south of Grimma. [redacted] Although no tanks have been observed with the exercise, [redacted] the possibility that units from Wurzen were involved. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the tanks, which probably belong to the 6th Gds Tank Div, came from Forst Zinna. [redacted] The unit returned from firing practices at the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds.

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5. [redacted] Comment. Probably, one of the two shipments which, [redacted] went from Neustrelitz to Luckenwalde on 25 February. [redacted]. The units detrained probably were components of the 234th Mort Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div which are believed to have transferred to the northern sector of the Jueterbog troop training grounds for combat firing practice.

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